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Ref: Your editorial: "THE WAY WE SEE IT" May 17 issue

Dear Sir:

Your 17 May 1976 editorial on the feasibility of re-opening the JFK investigation shows not only incredible naivete, but more importantly your support for a distressingly common view put forth by our Federal Government; namely, that the American people are not capable of handling the truth, and coming up with their own conclusions.

First, you dogmatically state that "this is not the proper time, I ll. to re-open the investigation into the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy." My answer to this is simple, if not obvious; just when is the 'right' time in your estimation to investigate a crime of such magnitude? The details of the solution to JFK's murder could well prove to be of more national, and international importance, than presidential primaries and national political conventions.

Secondly, you sow the seeds of paranoia by claiming that such an investigation's credibility would be destroyed by Sen. Church's political activities. Where was your outcry against politics influencing the Warren Commission findings?

Additionally, solving the murder of JFK IS an important issue to the American people as you properly suggest. Why, then, should it not be another issue to consider in selecting our next President, just as Watergate, the economy, or even a candidate's health are? Should all the candidates abandon work on committees they are on? Or is the point obvious that solving JFK's assassination is more important to increasing number of Americans than are questions concerning peanut subsidies, etc.,

Finally, what pessimism possesses you to suggest that the American people cannot cope simultaneously with national conventions and a full investigation into the assassination? Further delay can only be detrimental - giving more time for further cover-ups!

Hopefully, your article will accomplish exactly the opposite of it's intent. The way you see it, editors, is not precisely the way the American Public may see it.

Very truly yours,
Gregory A. Poland